

FISCAL NOTE

HB 581 - SB 1458

March 8, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits a local board of education from extending the existing contract of any Director of Schools during a 12-month period preceding any election at which a majority of the current board members' terms will expire. Any vacancy in the office of Director which occurs within this 12-month period will be filled on a temporary basis.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Local Govt. Expenditures - Net Impact- Not Significant

This estimate assumes:

- Since board members are typically elected to a four-year staggered term, the situation could arise when the board would not be allowed to extend the contract of the Director of Schools/Superintendent during a 12-month period preceding any election at which a majority of the current board members' terms expire. The Director of Schools position would then be filled on a temporary basis. The person to fill the vacancy could be the Director of Schools, the Assistant Superintendent or some other personnel. To the extent that the Director of Schools position is filled on a temporary basis under these circumstances, local government expenditures could decrease in the short term if the salary is less than that of the existing Director.
- The board of education could be required to select a Director of Schools more frequently under this bill.
- If the board of education is required to expend resources to search for a replacement for the Director of Schools, such as using a search firm or the Tennessee School Board Association, local government expenditures could increase. However, such increase is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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